

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2015
6:30 PM
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were Polly Pletcher, Al Vandewater, Trent Thompson and Kathy Chute. Councilperson Fiore arrived late. Absent was Councilpersons Danison and Anderson. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell and Police Chief Scott Ervin.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Anderson from the November 16, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the meeting. Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell informed Council she needed a motion to approve the October 2015 financial statements. Rockwell also presented Council with Ordinances 15-23 and 15-24. Rockwell stated that a special Council meeting would need to be scheduled for the second reading of Ordinances 15-23 and 15-24 to be in compliance with HB5 by 2016. A special meeting was scheduled for November 24, 2015 at 4:30 PM for second readings of Ordinances and Resolutions. Corlyn Altier presented Council with an update on EMS billing. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the October 2015 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented Council an Ordinance for rezoning the property at 231 E. Brown St. New Lexington, Ohio. Bryant stated that a public hearing was held on November 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM with no objections to the rezoning. Bryant also presented Council with two Resolutions. A Resolution that the Finance Committee recommended to contract with Claim Solutions Advocates LLC to collect delinquent accounts and a Resolution to contract with Ohio First Responders Grants also recommended by the Finance Committee.

Police Chief Ervin stated the Police Department was able to purchase uniforms with donations that the Police Department has received. Ervin stated they have \$1500.00 in donations remaining. He also stated they are working on State mandated training that has to be completed by December 31, 2015.

Councilperson Thompson reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on November 9, 2015. He stated the Committee discussed getting an intern through a program with MORPC for economic development. The Committee did not think this was feasible at present. The Committee also discussed and recommended using Ohio First Responder Grants to write a grant for air packs for the fire department.

Councilperson Vandewater gave an update on his communication with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Vandewater stated it would cost the Village \$1700.00 to renew their membership with the organization for the 2016 calendar year.

Councilperson Chute stated that Fire Chief Hollingshead is still on probation and if he is not able to be present at the Council meetings he needs to notify the Mayor or send someone in his place. She also stated she has heard the Fire/EMS is losing employees and wants to know why. Chute stated Fire Chief Hollingshead needs to inform Mayor Eveland when someone is resigning. Councilperson Chute asked Finance Director Rockwell if Fire Chief Hollingshead has spoken with her about the finances of the Fire/EMS. Rockwell stated he has not met with her at this time.

Mayor Eveland called for an executive session to discuss a personnel contract.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion for an executive session to discuss a personnel contract. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland stated no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-23 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-23: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TAXABLE INCOME AS DEFINED IN TITLE SEVEN, CHAPTER 181: MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX**

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-24 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-24: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.**

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-25 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-25: **AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TRENNAKEL CO LLC LOCATED AT 231 E. BROWN STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL R-2 TO ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONE.**

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-26 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-26: **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND WILLIAM SCOTT ERVIN ADDING ANNUAL WAGE OPENER.**

Councilperson Vandewater made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-17 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-17: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND CLAIM SOLUTION ADVOCATES, LLC TO SUBMIT DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR COLLECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-17 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-18 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-18: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND OHIO FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-19 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-19: **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT**

EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016. Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-20 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 15-20: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TAXABLE AGE.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-21 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 15-21: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING ENACTING LANDLORD REPORTING.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-21 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-16 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-16: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND HEATHER ROCKWELL ADDING ANNUAL WAGE OPENER.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-16 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland

Council Clerk Lisa Spohn